

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10—ASSEMBLYMEN PIERCE,
PARKS, KOIVISTO, ARBERRY, CLABORN, MCCLAIN,
OHRENSCHALL AND SEGERBLOM

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to reevaluate the “fast track”
approval of international trade agreements.
(BDR R-1295)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to
reevaluate the “fast track” approval of international trade
agreements.

1 WHEREAS, As international trade has evolved in recent years
2 under the “fast track” authority by which Congress reviews
3 international trade agreements involving the United States, the
4 authority for which will expire on June 30, 2007, significant
5 questions have developed with respect to the continuing ability of
6 states to retain their character, environmental controls and quality of
7 life; and

8 WHEREAS, Under “fast track” rules, the review of complex
9 trade agreements by Congress is limited to a vote to approve or
10 reject the agreements, after limited time for consideration, without
11 the possibility of amendments; and

12 WHEREAS, Trade agreements today have an impact which
13 extends significantly beyond the bounds of traditional trade matters
14 such as tariffs and quotas, and instead grant foreign investors and
15 service providers certain rights and privileges regarding acquisition
16 of land and facilities and regarding operations within a state’s
17 territory, subject state laws to challenge as “non-tariff barriers to
18 trade” in the binding dispute resolution bodies that accompany the



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1 pacts and place limits on the future policy options of state
2 legislatures; and

3 WHEREAS, Despite the demonstrated variety of significant
4 impacts that trade and investment agreements have on state
5 governance, taxation authority, environmental protection, land use
6 regulation and many other areas of state interest, states and local
7 governments have not received assurances that their concerns will
8 be adequately addressed in any "fast track" renewal process; and

9 WHEREAS, Federal legislation should clarify the negotiating
10 agenda of the United States in a manner that establishes a stronger
11 role for states and should include an explicit mechanism for the
12 prior informed consent of affected state legislatures; now, therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
15 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges
16 Congress to reevaluate the "fast track" approval of international
17 trade agreements, and to consider replacing that authority with a
18 more democratic, inclusive and deliberative mechanism which takes
19 into consideration the concerns of state legislatures and authorizes
20 their participation in the international trade agreement process; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
23 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United
24 States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada
26 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
28 passage.

